

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

August 19, 2014

**Present:** Rev. Don Davis

**Excused:** Marsha Andrews, Norward Brooks, Brenda Jackson, Susan Millender, LaShawnDa Pittman, Mattie Taplin

**Guests:** Jennifer Louch

**ADS Staff:** Amy Holland, Rowena Rye, Karen Winston

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- I. Interim Chair Rev. Don Davis welcomed guests and ADS staff.
  
- II. Members were on vacation, and two were in the process of moving. Jennifer brought resource materials about Kinship services in King County, and asked for support for her position which lost state funding from the Children's Administration in July. Rev. Davis commented on the importance of kinship services, offered support and asked that support also be given to the MCAAE's advocacy for restoration of the Kinship Center to the Central Area Senior Center. Jennifer asked if she could attend upcoming meetings with City Council members.
  
- III. Karen Winston shared data from the 2012-2015 Seattle-King County Area Plan on Aging, including data on ethnicity of elders age 60+ in King County. An overview of Seattle and King County residents age 65+ by city shows a higher percentage of African American elders, 7.6%, reside in Renton. The ratio in Seattle is 7.1% of the total population. Additional comparative data indicated that 17.2% of African American elders in King County live in poverty, in contrast to 7.1% of non-Hispanic white elders.
  
- IV. Amy Holland noted that RFIs will be out for a number of City-funded programs, and she would like input from the group. She would like to return in the future to describe the process to the council and get their input.

The meeting was adjourned.

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